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HOUSE BILL NO. 209

INTRODUCED BY Smith

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO ACCREDIT NONPUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS; AMENDING SECTION 20-7-102, MCA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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Section 2. Effective date. This act is effective on passage and approval.

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State of Montana
46th Legislative Session

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

A meeting of the Education Committee of the House of Representatives was called to order at 12:30 p.m. on February 5, 1979 in Room 5 of the Capitol Annex, by Chairman Peter J. Gilligan.

The roll was taken and shows Representatives Eudaily, Nordtvedt, and Lory excused. All other committee members were present.

The purpose of this meeting was to hear House Bills 209, 473, and 296.

Chairman Gilligan asked Representative Kessler to explain to the committee HB 272 (an act to provide a statement and hearing before the board of trustees for termination of a non-tenure school teacher; amending section 20-4-206, MCA). Rep. Kessler described a common practice in Montana in which a school board terminates a non-tenure teacher, telling the teacher the reason for his termination is that they could find a better teacher for the money which would be spent. Rep. Kessler feels that this is not fair to the teachers and asked for the committee's support of the bill.

There were no other proponents of HB 272 present.

OPPONENTS of HB 272 were:

Chad H. Smith, Montana School Boards Assn., P.O. Box 604, Helena, Mt. - Mr. Smith stated, "This bill would destroy any effective teacher selection system and would seriously deteriorate the calibre of public school teaching staffs as the years progress. The continual strife between teachers and school trustees in the struggle for management of the school district should not be allowed to reduce the quality of education offered to Montana's children. Our public schools are created for our children, not for our teachers. The children are often the forgotten individuals in the battle. Montana's school teachers already have a tenure security system that virtually guarantees continued employment until age 65 when the fourth consecutive annual contract is signed...." (See Exhibit 1 for complete written testimony)

Phil Campbell, Montana Education Association, 1232 E. Sixth Ave., Helena, Mt. - Mr. Campbell presented the committee with copies of letters received by teachers from school boards dismissing the teachers for the reason "the board feels that a better teacher can be found to fill your position". Mr. Campbell feels that this is insufficient reason for dismissal and that the teacher should have the option to request a hearing if he so desires. (See Exhibit 2)

Shauna Thomas, P.O. Box 1246, Helena, Mt. - (Representing the Montana Federation of Teachers, AFT, AFL-CIO) Ms. Thomas spoke breifly in support of HB 272. (See Exhibit 3)

T. C. Johnson, School Administrators, Helena, Mt. - Mr. Johnson stated, "The School Administrators of Montana has opposed legislation in prior sessions. The Association feels that through the teacher evaluation process the teacher has a knowledge of their performance as to what is being done right and also those areas that need improvement. The Association in opposing this bill uses the same reasoning as given by Mr. Smith in previous testimony." (See Exhibit 4)

Representative Kessler, in closing, stated that he feels this legislation is necessary as it allows for a teacher to make the choice of whether he will request a hearing with the board of trustees to find the specific reasons why he is not getting his contract renewed, or to accept the reason commonly given that they could find a better teacher to fill the position.

The committee was allowed to question the witnesses and the hearing on HB 272 was closed.

Representative Jonas Rosenthal was requested to explain to the committee HB 473. Rep. Rosenthal, cheif sponsor of HB 473 (an act to change the residency status of military personnel, their spouses, and their dependent children for purposes of in-state tuition for postsecondary vocational and technical education and for the university system) told the committee that 36 other states currently allow this. A letter from Georgia Ruth Rice, Supt. of Public Instruction, was passed-out to the committee members. (See Exhibit 5) The letter states, "From the above figures, we can deduct that HB 473 would have no significant fiscal effect on the postsecondary vocational technical center budgets..."

There were no further proponents or opponents of the bill present. The committee was allowed to ask Rep. Rosenthal questions concerning the bill and the hearing on HB 473 was closed.

Representative Lund was asked to begin the hearing on HB 209 (an act authorizing the Board of Public Education to accredit nonpublic secondary schools).

Proponents of HB 209 were:

John Frankino, Montana Catholic Conference, Helena, Mt. Mr. Frankino breifly spoke in support of HB 209 and introduced following witnesses. (See Exhibit 6)

Sister Marie Damian, Montana Catholic Confernece, Helena, Mt. - "HB 209 would grant the Bd. of Public Education authority to accredit those non-public secondary schools who request and wish accreditation. It does not place upon the non-public secondary school the requirement of seeking accreditation. (See Exhibit 7 for complete written testimony)

Ron Russell, 2809 Secor, Bozeman, Mt. - (Montana Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists) - Mr. Russell stated that he supported this bill for the same reasons as those who spoke before him. (See Exhibit 8)

Bob Korthais, Rt. 1, Box 147, Manhattan, Mt. - (Representing Manhattan Christian School Society) - Mr. Korthais spoke very breifly saying that Sister Marie Damien represented the Manhattan Christian School Society position. (See Exhibit 9)

Sister Mary Brown, 1818 8th Ave. S., Great Falls, Mt. - (Representing Diocese of Eastern Montana-22 schools) - Sister Brown stated, "Catholic Schools in Eastern Montana have a history of cooperation with the public schools and Office of Public Instruction. Three high schools and two Jr. Highs have been negatively affected by the accreditation dilema. HB 209 resolves our problem regarding mutual cooperation between our Catholic schools and the public school system." (See Exhibit 10)

Alve Thomas, Office of Public Instruction, Helena, Mt. - "The OPI supports the bill to give private high schools the opportunity to apply to the Board of Public Education for accreditation." (See Exhibit 11)

Irving Dayton, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, Commission of High Education, 33 S. Last Chance Gulch, Helena, Mt. - Mr. Dayton breifly stated his support for HB 209.

Dave Sexton, Montana Education Association, 1232 E. Sixth Ave., Helena, Mt. - Mr. Sexton stated that the MEA endorses this bill.

Rick Reese, Assistant to the Board, Board of Public Education, 33 S. Last Chance Gulch, Helena, Mt. - Mr. Reese expressed the Board of Public Education's support for this bill. (See Exhibit 12)

Leonard Sargent, 501 N. Sanders, Helena, Mt. - (Mr. Sargent is the Executive Director, Montana School Boards Association)- The MSBA supports this bill because it will allow students form all schools to participate in inter-scholastic events.

Opponents to HB 209 were:

Earl B. Wise, 2227 Stillwater Dr., Billings, Mt. - (Representing Billings Baptist Temple, Montana Association of Christian Schools, Accelerated Christian Education, Inc.) Rev. Wise stated, "I oppose the principle of this bill only. I hope to discourage futher legislation in this area...Private schools are well known for their quality education. Parents do not pay hard earned money for inferior education." (See Exhibit 13)

Rev. R.A. Dion, 4417 3rd Ave. N., Great Falls, Mt. - (Representing the Treasure State Academy, Fairview Baptist Church, and President of Montana Association for Christian Schools) Rev. Dion stated, "Being firmly convicted to the position of separation of Church and State, it is my conviction that accreditation by the Montana High School Association opposes the position of Separtion of Church and state." (See Exhibit 14)

Pastor Albert Pearson, 1814 Missoula Ave., Helena, Mt. - (Representing Bible Baptist Church and Helena Christian Academy) Pastor Pearson expressed his opinion, "...that this legislation is only the beginning of more severe legislation which will follow. A private school is part of our church and should be protected by the separation of church and state." (For complete written testimony, See Exhibit 15)

Testimony was also received from the following, who were not allowed by time to present oral testimony.

Martin Cervantes, P.O. Box 743, Bozeman, Mt. - Representing Montana Conference of Seventh Day Adventists. (See Exhibit 16)

Vern Biloff, Rt. 2, P.O. Box 168, Bozeman, Mt. - Representing Montana Conference of Seventh Day Adventists. (See Exhibit 17)

Kathleen Dion, 4417 3rd Ave. N., Great Falls, Mt. - Representing Treasure State Academy and the Fairview Baptist Church. (See Exhibit 18)

Rev. John J. McCoy, 9 S. Idaho, Butte, Mt. - (Representing the Diocese of Helena, Dept. of Education.) (See Exhibit 19)

The committee was allowed to question the witnesses. The hearing on HB 209 was closed. Chairman Gilligan requested Representative Lund to explain HB 296 to the committee. Rep. Lund, sponsor of HB 296, (an act to clarify residency requirements concerning special education and to clearly fix the financial responsibility for special education costs) breifly told the committee the history and need for this bill.

Proponents of HB 296 were:

Leonard Sargent, 501 N. Sanders, Helena, Mt. - (Mr. Sargent is the Executive Director, Montana School Boards Association)- Mr. Sargent expressed the MSBA support for this bill.

Alve Thomas, Office of Public Instruction, Helena, Mt.- Mr. Thomas stated, "We support the bill which will allow a school district to use 874 monies without a vote. It brings state law in compliance with federal regulations." (See Exhibit 11)

There were no opponents of HB 296 present. The committee was allowed to question the witnesses. The hearing on HB 296 was closed.

State of Montana
46th Legislative Session

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

An Executive Session meeting of the Education Committee of the House of Representatives was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on February 10, 1979 in Room 5, of the Capitol Annex, by Chairman Peter J. Gilligan.

House Bill 209 was considered by the committee. Representative Lory moved that HB 209 DO PASS. The motion carried unanimously.

Representative Kemmis moved that the committee AMEND HB 264 to require that facsimile signature devices must not be available to the other counter-signer of the warrant, or the device must have nonresettable mettering controls, and that the signature plates must be kept secure by the district clerk under the supervision of the board of trustees of the district. The motion carried unanimously. Representative Daily moved that HB 264 AS AMENDED, DO PASS. The motion carried unanimously.

Representative Lory moved that the committee AMEND HB 296 by eliminating state funds in the title of the bill, so that it would allow school trustees to receive and use federal funds to supplement the general fund budget without a vote of the electors of the school district. Related amendments were made in the body of the bill. The motion carried unanimously. Representative Magone moved that HB 296 AS AMENDED, DO PASS. The motion carried unanimously.

House Bill 473 was considered by the committee. Representative Reichert moved that the committee AMEND HB 473 so the title of the bill, line 7, following "postsecondary" would read "Vocational-Technical, rather than "Vocational and Technical". The motion carried, with Representative Daily voting no. Representative Reichert moved that HB 473 AS AMENDED, DO PASS. The motion carried, with Representatives Lund and Kvaalen voting no.

Representative Lory moved that the committee AMEND HB 272, striking termination and inserting nonrenewal throughout the bill. The motion carried unanimously. Representative Anderson moved that HB 272 AS AMENDED, DO NOT PASS. The motion failed 11-6. Representative Lory moved that HB 272 AS AMENDED, DO PASS. The motion carried, 11-6. Those voting no were Representatives Porter, Lund, Nordtvedt, Lory, Kvaalen and Eudaily.

House Bill 336 was considered by the committee. Representative Lory moved that HB 336 DO NOT PASS. The motion carried with Representatives Kemmis and Oberg voting no.

Representative Uhde moved that HB 220 DO PASS. The motion carried unanimously.

Peter J. Gilligan

Peter J. Gilligan, Chairman

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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

March 9, 1979

The Senate Education Committee met Friday, March 9, 1979 in Room 402 of the Capitol Building. Senator Bob Brown, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Committee members present were Senators Brown, Ed Smith, Thomas, O'Hara, Anderson, Fasbender, and McCallum with Senators Blaylock, Severson, and Richard Smith excused.

The following bills were heard by the committee: House Bill 383
House Bill 107
House Joint Resolution 7
House Bill 209
House Bill 674.

HOUSE BILL 383 REPRESENTATIVE RAMIREZ

Representative Porter presented the bill for Representative Ramirez who could not be present for the hearing. The bill is an act to require approval of the trustees of a receiving school district before a transfer of territory from another school district can be made. He stated this bill was prompted by a situation in Billings where students who lived in a trailer court directly across the street from the boundary of the district wanted to attend school in that district. Representative Porter asked Leonard Sargent to further explain.

PROPONENTS

Leonard Sargent, representing the Montana School Boards Associatic presented his written testimony in support of the bill to the committee (attachment #1).

Representative Porter closed by quoting page 2, line 2 of the bill which says "the board of trustees of the school district that would receive the territory has approved the transfer".

There being no further proponents and no opponents, the hearing was closed on House Bill 383.

HOUSE BILL 107 REPRESENTATIVE HURWITZ

Representative Hurwitz stated this bill was requested by Broadwater County which has a county high school rather than a district high school. Broadwater County is one of nine such counties in the state. The county would like to be able to raise the limit of bonded indebtedness in order to build a new high school. District high schools have the authority to raise their limit but county high schools do not.

PROPONENTS

Bob Stockton, representing the Office of Public Instruction, stated OPI supports the bill. He said when the law was changed to allow for an increase in the bonded indebtedness, the county high schools were overlooked and it is simply an oversight which needs to be corrected.

There were no further proponents and no opponents to the bill and the hearing was closed on House Bill 107.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7 REPRESENTATIVE DUSSAULT

Representative Dussault stated the resolution is a request for an interim study of the concept and feasibility of establishing an education service agency. She said last session such a request was mandated for study as a priority but she understood such a study was underway by the Office of Public Instruction and therefore withdrew the request. As it turned out, the study was not done and so she has again introduced the resolution. Under the resolution, several school districts could combine and provide a direct service such as special education cooperatives. The study would determine if this could be broadened to serve other areas without usurping any responsibilities which are definitely assigned to the local districts.

PROPONENTS

Leonard Sargent, representing himself, presented his written testimony in support of the resolution to the committee (attach #2)

There being no further proponents and no opponents to the bill, the hearing was closed on House Joint Resolution 7.

HOUSE BILL 209 REPRESENTATIVE LUND

Representative Lund, sponsor of the bill, stated the bill is an act authorizing the Board of Public Education to accredit nonpublic secondary schools. He said the bill adds new material only in that a nonpublic high school may ask the Board of Public Education to accredit them and that they may be accredited in the same manner as already stated in the statutes for other nonpublic schools.

PROPONENTS

John Frankino, Director of the Montana Catholic Conference, stated they have worked with several private schools for accreditation. He introduced Sister Marie Damian.

Sister Marie Damian, Montana Catholic Conference, presented her written testimony in support of the bill to the committee. (attachment #3)

Ron Russell, Superintendent of Schools for the Montana Conference of Seventh Day Adventist Schools stated they support the bill as accreditation gives them a yardstick by which they can measure the quality of the services they provide

Bob Karthues, Manhattan Christian School, and a member of the National Council of Private Schools, stated his support of the bill.

Len Sargent, representing the Montana School Boards Association, stated the support of that organization for the bill.

Alve Thomas, representing the Office of Public Instruction, stated the support of OPI for the bill. He said they feel it is necessary that the same standards be used for both private and public schools.

Dr. Irving Dayton, Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education, stated his support of the bill. He pointed out that a graduate of an accredited private school has a much easier time entering the university system than a graduate of a non-accredited school.

Rick Reese, Board of Public Education, said they support the bill as it does benefit the students. He concurred with Dr. Dayton's testimony.

Mr. Frankino presented a letter to the committee in support of the bill from Sister Mary Editha Brown, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Eastern Montana (attachment #4).

There being no further proponents and no opponents to the bill, the hearing was closed on House Bill 209.

HOUSE BILL 674 REPRESENTATIVE DAY

Representative Day stated the purpose of the bill is to allow rural students to take advantage of bus service to attend school out of the district of residence if they live an exorbitant distance from their own school.

PROPONENTS

Jerry Tillman, Bloomfield, Montana, stated he was representing his own family and two other neighboring families, one of which was watching his children and the other his calves in order that he could attend the hearing and testify in their behalf.

He stated that due to problems one of his daughters was having, the psychologist recommended she be moved from the one room school in their district to a school out of district. That school provides transportation but in Mr. Tillman's case, they were required to pay tuition as well as provide their own transportation. One other family lives 6 miles from the out of district school, 35 miles from the in district school. In order to attend the closer school they must pay for tuition and transportation even though the school bus passes directly in front of their farm. The remaining family must drive their children to the in district school which does not provide transportation. They drive 11 miles to the school and back twice a day which means a 44 mile drive just to have their children attend the in district school when they could also catch the bus to the out of district school right in front of their own home. He stated this is a serious problem and exists in more areas than his own. He urged support of the bill.

There being no further proponents and no opponents to the bill, the hearing was closed on House Bill 674.

The committee met in Executive Session.

HOUSE BILL 209

Senator Thomas moved House Bill 209 Be Concurred In. The motion carried unanimously with Senators Severson and Richard Smith absent. Senator Thomas will carry the bill.

HOUSE BILL 107

Senator McCallum moved House Bill 107 Be Concurred In. The motion carried unanimously with Senators Severson and Richard Smith absent. Senator McCallum will carry the bill.

HOUSE BILL 383

Senator Fasbender moved House Bill 383 Be Concurred In. The motion carried unanimously with Senators Richard Smith and Severson absent. Senator Fasbender will carry the bill.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

Senator Fasbender moved House Joint Resolution 7 Be Concurred In. The motion carried with Senator Brown voting no and Senators Richard Smith and Severson absent. Senator Fasbender will carry the Resolution.

DATE 3/9/79

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

VISITORS' REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check One: Support	Oppo
Chris Hattinger	Manhattan Christian School	HB 209	X	
Doris Simmons	Manhattan Christian School	HB 209	X	
Lyn Lawrence	myself	HB 209	X	
Thomas Bathurst	Bridgewater Christian School	HB 209	X	
Ken Kaufman	Kenilworth Chr. Sch.	HB 209	X	
Ray Russell	Montana Coalition of Concerned Citizens for Private Schools	HB 209	X	
Vern Bloff	Mt. Ellis Academy Board of Christian Education	HB 209	X	
Irving L. Dayton	Mont. University System	HB 209	X	
Margaretha Brockema	self	HB 209	X	
Herman J. Brockema	Manhattan Christian School	HB 209	X	
Johnny Hopkins	Mont. Cath. Conf.	HB 209	X	
Dan Thomas	OPI	HB 209	X	
Jack Rea	Bd of Public Ed	HB 209	X	
Phyllis Tillman	self	HB 674	X	
Gerald Tillman	self	HB 674	X	

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MARCH 9, 1979

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7 REPRESENTATIVE DUSSAULT

This resolution calls for a feasibility study to determine whether an "education service agency" structure should be established in Montana. Such a system would provide services such as guidance and conseling, remedial instruction, health services, adult education, and special education to school districts, particularly smaller rural districts.

HOUSE BILL 107 REPRESENTATIVE HURWITZ

This bill raises the maximum limit on bonded indebtedness for a county high school from 5% to 29% of the value of taxable property (page 1, line 22). This percentage limitation corresponds to that provided for other school districts in 20-9-406.

HOUSE BILL 209 REPRESENTATIVE LUND

This bill authorizes the Board of Public Education to accredit a nonpublic school when requested to do so by the school (page 1, lines 22-25).

HOUSE BILL 383 REPPRESENTATIVE RAMIREZ

Under present law, a majority of electors who reside within a portion of a school district, which portion is at least 3 miles away from any school of the district, may transfer that portion to another contiguous school district. This bill requires the approval of the receiving district before such a transfer can be made (page 2, lines 2-3).

HOUSE BILL 674 REPRESENTATIVE DAY

Under present law, one of the circumstances under which a child must be allowed to transfer to another district is when the child 1) resides more than 3 miles from any school of his resident district 2) the resident doesn't provide transportation and 3) the district to which he wishes to transfer does provide transportation. This bill deletes the second requirement (page 2, lines 23-25).

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NAME: Vern Biloff DATE: 3/9/79

ADDRESS: 3641 Pierce Trail Rd Bozeman Mt

PHONE: 587-5178

REPRESENTING WHOM? Mt. Ed. Assoc. of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB 309

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: I support this bill because I think it is to be in the best interest of public and private education for the state of Montana. I believe that the State and Federal Government should provide

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

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March 5, 1979

Senate Education Committee
Helena, Montana

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Sister Mary Editha Brown. I am Superintnedent of Schools for the Diocese of Eastern Montana. I represent three high schools, two junior high schools and seventeen elementary schools. Our high school and junior high school enrollment, which is directly involved in the problem of accreditation, totals 857 students. Our elementary school enrollment, which is indirectly involved in the accreditation situation, totals 2,356 students.

Our Catholic School history in the State of Montana has been one of mutual cooperation and respect with the public school system. We have on file documents of state accreditation of schools which date back to 1948. Some elementary schools were accreditated in the 1950's.

I support House Bill 209, Accreditation of non-public secondary schools. I have asked John Frankino to present this letter as my testimony because I am unavoidably prevented from attending the hearing today.

Thanking you for your time and consideration, I am

Respectfully,

Sister Mary Editha Brown, B.V.M.
Superintendent

Some nonpublic secondary schools wish to have accreditation status for the following reasons:

a) a recognition that the program, staffing and instruction provide for a quality education as recognized by the Board of Public Education.

b) membership in the Montana High School Association with the privileges this membership brings to the students.

c) transferral of credits of a student from one school to another on an equally acceptable basis

d) acceptance of a student into the University System of Montana

This bill has been reviewed by the Board of Publid Education, the Office of Public Instruction, the Montana School Boards Association and representatives of the nonpublic secondary schools. The bill has met with the approval of each group.

We ask you to support House Bill 209.

TO: Chairman Brown and Members of the Senate Education Committee

FROM: Sister Marie Damian - Montana Catholic Conference

RE: H.B. 209

I am Sister Marie Damian of the Montana Catholic Conference. I am speaking to you today in support of House Bill 209, "An Act Authorizing the Board of Public Education to Accredit Nonpublic Secondary Schools." I represent those nonpublic secondary schools that have traditionally received accreditation of their secondary schools upon request and would wish to continue this option.

The question of the authority of the Board of Public Education to accredit nonpublic secondary schools was considered by the Board in May, 1978. Although the Board of Public Education had been granting accreditation upon request to nonpublic secondary schools for more than thirty years and wished to continue, there was no clear mandate in the law.

The Board therefore presented the question to the Attorney General. On August 31, 1978 the Attorney General responded in an opinion which stated that due to the silence of the law the Board of Public Education did not have the authority to grant accreditation status to the nonpublic secondary schools.

We support House Bill 209 which would permit the Board of Public Education to accredit those nonpublic secondary schools that request accreditation. The bill does not make accreditation mandatory for all nonpublic secondary schools, only provides an option for those schools that wish to apply.

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